

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PANAMA 02258 191550Z

66

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-07 NSC-07 SP-03 SS-20 RSC-01 SAB-01

CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 DRC-01 /071 W

----- 120685

R 191316Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 423

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2258

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJ: CALL ON PRESIDENT LAKAS

1. AT THE END OF THE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY YESTERDAY
PRESIDENT LAKAS ASKED ME TO RETURN FOR A "QUIET TALK."
I THEREFORE DROVE AROUND SEVERAL BLOCKS AND RETURNED
TO THE PRESIDENCY. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED ME IN HIS
PERSONAL SUITE. HE WAS IN SHIRT SLEEVES. ALSO
PRESENT WAS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OZORES. THE
CONVERSATION WAS RELAXED, WARM, INFORMAL AND
NON-SUBSTANTIVE. LAKAS TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS FAMILY
BACKGROUND, HIS EDUCATION, AND HIS GENERAL OUTLOOK ON
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

2. THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY OPEN AND CANDID AND THE
CONVERSATION PROVIDED ME WITH AN INSIGHT INTO HIS
CHARACTER AND ATTITUDES. BUT I AM SURE IT ADDS NOTHING
NEW TO BASIC INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE THERE.
INCIDENTALLY, HE DID SAY THAT HIS PLANNED TRIP TO
TWAIWAN HAD BEEN "CANCELED." HE IMPLIED THAT THIS
DECISION WAS NOT A WELCOME ONE TO HIM.
JORDEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESIDENT, MEETINGS, AMBASSADORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PANAMA02258
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740092-0268
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740429/aaaaazrg.tel
Line Count: 49
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 SEP 2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <05 FEB 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CALL ON PRESIDENT LAKAS
TAGS: PFOR, PN, US, (LAKAS, DEMETRIO B), (JORDEN, WILLIAM J)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005